

# BIRDS OF BANGALORE



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## INTRODUCTION

In 1977, the Birdwatchers Field Club of Bangalore (founded in 1970) brought out field checklist comprising 214 species. This list contained birds identified by sight or sound from outings mainly in Lalbagh, Cubbon park, Guttahalli palace Grounds, Indian Institute of Science campus, University of Agricultural Sciences campus, Hebbal Lake, H.A.L. Airport, Hesaraghatta Farms, Kumbalgot, Bannerghatta National Park, Hosur Farms, Nandi Hills, Bellandur tank and Harohalli tank. In November 1992 the club updated the list by adding 120 species more. Thus, todate over 314 species have been recorded within an area of 40 Km radius from Vidhana Soudha, under the guidance of Dr. Joseph George.

## BANGALORE

Bangalore (13°N 77°E; 930m AMSL) is renowned as the Garden City of India. Bangalore receives rain mainly due to the South West monsoon producing a typical tropical climate with an annual mean temperature of 24°C.

## BIRDS

The choice of English Common names are from "Birds of Periyar" by Andrew Robertson and Michael C.A. Jackson and Scientific names are taken from Sibley's and Monroes', "Distribution and Taxonomy of Birds of the World", 1990. Birds present all year round are called Resident (R); birds that move about within the region at more or less predictable seasons are called Local migrant (L) and winter visitor (W) for those annual migrants that move from breeding to non-breeding areas.

## HINTS FOR BEGINNERS

The easiest way to identify what you are looking is to have pictures of birds. Therefore buy "The Book of Indian Birds" by Salim Ali. Alternatively, know an experienced birdwatcher who can answer your questions. Make your own field notes and get your answers first hand.

Get a pencil, a note book, a cap, a pair of shoes for field work. Visit as many different habitats as possible. Get a good look at birds before making notes. Listen to bird calls carefully and record. The advantage of learning bird calls and songs are that it is easier to hear a bird than see it. Do not continuously view birds through binoculars or telescope but close eyes intermittantly, avoid watching birds during rainy and cloudy days. Make bird watching a pieasure.

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Sl.No.	Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
1.	Dabchick	Tachybaptus ruficollis	R
2.	Shag	Phalacrocorax fuscicollis	L
3.	Little Cormorant	Phalacrocorax niger	L
4.	Oriental Darter	Anhinga melanogaster	R
5.	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	L
6.	Pond Heron	Ardeola grayii	L
7.	Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	L
8.	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	L
9.	Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	R
10.	Chesnut Bittern	Ixobrychus cinnamomeus	R
11.	Painted Stork	Mycteria leucocephala	L
12.	Whitenecked Stork	Ciconia episcopus	R
13.	White Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopica	R
14.	Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia	R
15.	Pintail	Anas acuta	W
16.	Spotbill Duck	Anas poecilorhyncha	R
17.	Gargany	Anas querquedula	W
18.	Shoveller	Anas clypeata	W
19.	Blackwinged kite	Elanus caeruleus	R
20.	Pariah kite	Milvus migrans	R
21.	Brahminy kite	Haliastur indus	R
22.	Shikra	Accipiter badius	R
23.	Common kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	R
24.	Whitebacked Vulture	Gyps bengalensis	R
25.	Egyptian Vulture	Neophron percnopterus	L
26.	Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	W
27.	Short-toed Eagle	Circus aeruginosus	R
28.	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	W
29.	Grey Partridge	Francolinus pondicerianus	R
30.	Grey Quail	Coturnix coturnix	W
31.	Rain Quail	Coturnix coromandelica	L
32.	Jungle Bush Quail	Perdica asiatica	R
33.	Red Spurfowl	Gallus spadicea	R
34.	Grey Junglefowl	Gallus sonneratii	R
35.	Common Peafowl	Pavo cristatus	R
36.	Common Bustard Quail	Turnix suscitator	R
37.	Ruddy Crake	Parzana fusca	R
38.	Brown Crake	Amourornis akool	L
39.	Whitebreasted Waterhen	Amourornis phoenicurus	R
40.	Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	R
41.	Purple Moorhen	Porphyrio porphyrio	R
42.	Coot	Fulica atra	R
43.	Pheasant - tailed Jacana	Hydrophasianus chirurgus	R
44.	Bronzewinged Jacana	Metopidius indicus	R
45.	Painted Snipe	Rostratula benghalensis	R
46.	Blackwinged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	W
47.	Avocet	Recurvirostra avocetta	W
48.	Stone Curlew	Burhinus oedichnemus	L
49.	Indian Courser	Cursorius coromandelicus	R
50.	Indian Pratincole	Glareola lactea	R
51.	Redwattled Lapwing	Vanellus indicus	R
52.	Yellow wattled Lapwing	Vanellus malabaricus	R
53.	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius	W
54.	Curlew	Numerius arquata	W
55.	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus	W
56.	Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatallis	W
57.	Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	W
58.	Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	W
59.	Terek Sandpiper	Tringa terek	W
60.	Common Sandpiper	Tringa hypoleucos	W
61.	Pintail Snipe	Gallinago stenura	W
62.	Fantail Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	W
63.	Jack Snipe	Gallinago minima	W
64.	Woodcock	Scolopax rusticola	L
65.	Little Stint	Calidris minuta	W
66.	Temminck's Stint	Calidris temmickii	W
67.	Curlew-sandpiper	Calidris testacea	L
68.	Ruff and Reeve	Philomachus pugnax	W
69.	Brownheaded Gull	Larus brunnicephalus	W
70.	Blackheaded Gull	Larus ridibundus	W
71.	Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida	W
72.	River Tern	Sterna aurantia	R
73.	Blackbellied Tern	Sterna acuticauda	W
74.	Green Pigeon	Treron phoenicoptera	L
75.	Blue Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	R
76.	Rufous Turtle Dove	Streptopelia orientalis	L



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77.	Indian Ring Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	R
78.	Red Turtle Dove	<i>Sterreptopelia tranquebarica</i>	L
79.	Little Brown Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	R
80.	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	R
81.	Roseringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	R
82.	Blossomheaded Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocophala</i>	R
83.	Bluewinged Parakeet	<i>Psittacula columboides</i>	L
84.	Redwinged Crested Cuckoo	<i>Clamator coromandus</i>	L
85.	Pied crested Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	R
86.	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>	R
87.	Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>	R
88.	Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopacea</i>	R
89.	Small Greenbilled Malkoha	<i>Rhopodytes viridirostris</i>	R
90.	Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	R
91.	Barn owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	R
92.	Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	R
93.	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Bubo zeylonensis</i>	R
94.	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	R
95.	Mottled Wood owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>	R
96.	Indian Night Jar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>	R
97.	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	R
98.	House Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	R
99.	Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	R
100.	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	R
101.	Small Blue Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	R
102.	Whitebreasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	R
103.	Bluetailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>	R
104.	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	R
105.	Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	R
106.	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	R
107.	Grey Hornbill	<i>Tockus birostris</i>	R
108.	Large Green Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylonica</i>	R
109.	Small Green Barbet	<i>Megalaima viridis</i>	R
110.	Coppersmith	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>	R
111.	Goldenbacked Woodpecker	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	R
112.	Yellowfronted pied Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i>	R
113.	Blackbacked Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>	R
114.	Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>	R
115.	Singing Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra javanica</i>	R
116.	Redwinged Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra erythroptera</i>	R
117.	Ashycrowned Finch-Lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>	R
118.	Rufous tailed Finch-Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicurus</i>	R
119.	Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Hirundo concolor</i>	R
120.	Common Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	W
121.	Wiretailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	R
122.	Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	R
123.	Baybacked Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>	R
124.	Rufousbacked Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	R
125.	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	W
126.	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	R
127.	Blackheaded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	R
128.	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	R
129.	Grey Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	R
130.	Whitebellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>	R
131.	Haircrested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>	R
132.	Greyheaded Myna	<i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>	R
133.	Blackheaded Myna	<i>Sturnus pagodarum</i>	R
134.	Rosy Pastor	<i>Sturnus roseus</i>	W
135.	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	W
136.	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	R
137.	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	R
138.	Tree pie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	R
139.	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	R
140.	Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	R
141.	Indian Wood Shrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	R
142.	Large Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	R

143.	Blackheaded Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>	R
144.	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	R
145.	Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	R
146.	Jerdon's Chloropsis	<i>Chloropsis cochinchinensis</i>	R
147.	Redwhiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	R
148.	Redvented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	R
149.	Yellowthroated Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus xantholaemus</i>	R
150.	Whitebrowed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>	R
151.	Spotted Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>	R
152.	Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldi</i>	R
153.	Whitethroated Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>	R
154.	Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinensis</i>	R
155.	Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus</i>	R
156.	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>	R
157.	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	R
158.	Whiteheaded Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>	R
159.	Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa latirostris</i>	W
160.	Redbreasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa parva</i>	W



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